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COMMENT: The coordinates appearing at each incident were not part of the original note, but were plotted by the Defense Attache Office based upon the general location depicted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Note No. 187/DGP/SV/2 dated 16 February 1970. At about 1500 hrs, 24 January 1970, five US/RVN helicopters violated Cambodian airspace. Two of them landed about 2000 meters on this side of the frontier in the commune of THNOT, district of KOMPONG RAU, province of SVAY RIENG (XT145002) and unloaded some soldiers who abducted two Khmer villagers who were working in the field in this area. Their names were NOV POEUN and PHAN PHOM, age 18 and 19 respectively. The victims were not returned until the following day, 25 January 1970.
- Note No. 188/DGP/SV/2 dated 16 February 1970. At about 1400 hrs, 21 January 1970, a US/RVN aircraft violated Cambodian airspace and fired rockets on a herd of cattle grazing about 500 meters from the frontier in the commune of SAMRONG (XT250025), district of CHANTREA, province of SVAY RIENG, killing four buffalo and wounding two others. The livestock belonged to inhabitants named NGUYEN THI NGAI, NGUYEN THI VINH and NGUYEN VAN TOI. At about 1400 hrs, 25 January 1970, two helicopters from the same forces violated Cambodian airspace and fired rockets on Cambodian territory approximately 1500 meters from the frontier in the commune of PRASAT(XT300150), district of CHANTREA, province of SVAY RIENG, wounding a villager named EM ROEUN.
- Note No. 189/DGP/SV/1, dated 16 February 1970. At about 1830 hrs, 27 January 1970, US/RVN soldiers from the post of CHUM TAM fired six

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artillery shells on Cambodian territory about 500 meters from the frontier, commune of KOH KOK (WT225075), district of PEAM CHOR, province of PREY VENG, killing a bullock belonging to an inhabitant named NGUYEN VAN BOEUNG. At about 1900 hrs, 28 January 1970, a US/RVN barge moving along the MEKONG river, fired fifteen or more artillery shells on the Cambodian post of KOH SAMPEOU (WT350011) located in the district of PEAM CHOR, damaging said post. At about 1830 hrs, 29 January 1970, US/RVN soldiers from the post of GIONG GANG fired seven artillery shells on Cambodian territory in the commune of PRASAT (XT298147), district of CHANTREA, province of SVAY RIENG, damaging a house belonging to NY THOY, an inhabitant of the area.

4. Note No. 190/DGP/SV/1 dated 16 February 1970. On or about 1000 hrs, 24 January 1970, US/RVN navy gunboats moving along the GIANG THANH river, fired five mortar shells on our territory about 500 meters from the frontier in the commune of KOH KOK (WT225075), district of PEAM CHOR, province of PREY VENG. During the night of 24-25 January 1970, US/RVN forces soldiers from the post of GIONG GANG and QUEO BA fired canon on the Khmer commune of SAMRONG (XT250025), district of CHANTREA, in SVAY RIENG. On or about 1830 hrs, 25 January 1970, a US/RVN navy barge moving along the MEKONG river, fired three artillery shells on Khmer territory approximately 300 meters from the frontier in the commune of KOH SAMPEOU (WT350012), district of PEAM CHOR, province of PREY VENG. At about 2000 hrs, 25 January 1970, US/RVN soldiers from the post of VINH PHU fired four artillery shells on Khmer territory some 500 meters from the frontier in the commune of TA-OR (VS785625), district of KIRIVONG, province of TAKEO. At about 2000 hrs, 27 January 1970, soldiers from the same forces from the post of VINH GIA and VINH BIEN fired automatic weapons and eight artillery shells on the Royal Khmer Police Post of THNOT CHONG RANG, located 500 meters from the border in the commune of THNOT CHONG SRANG (VS695645), district of BANTEAY MEAS, province of KAMPOT.

5. Note No. 195/DGP/SV/2 dated 16 February 1970. On 22 and 23 December 1969, two fighter bombers and five US/RVN forces helicopters violated Cambodian airspace and fired rockets on the commune of CHREY THOM (WT099100), district of KOH THOM, province of KANDAL, wounding a villager named TRUNG SANH (CHONG). On 31 December 1969, a plane from the same forces violated Cambodian airspace and machine gunned Khmer villagers engaged in cutting straw in the commune of DAR (XU199139), district of MIMOT in PHKAR RUMCHK, wounding two of them seriously. The two were named BORN PA and ROS LAY (KHVENG). At about 0930 hrs, 26 January 1970, an observation plane from the same forces violated Cambodian airspace and machine gunned a tractor moving along the KHSIM-MONDULKIRI route at the 39 kilometer marker, six kilometers from the frontier approximately, in the commune of SRE KHTUM (YU050450), district of O RAING, province of MONDULKIRI. The engine was damaged by the fire. At about 1500 hrs, 8 February 1970, a helicopter from the same forces violated Cambodian airspace and fired rockets on the Khmer village of KHAN SEIMA, about 2500 meters

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from the frontier in the commune of SNUOL (USDAO has no 1/50,000 map coverage of this area), province of KRATIE, killing a villager named KHLING NGUON and setting fire to a house. On the same day, at about 1600 hrs, a helicopter from the same forces again violated Cambodian airspace and machine gunned a FARK military JEEP moving along the road between MIMOT and SNUOL, about seven kilometers from the frontier, district of MIMOT in PHKAR RUMCHAK (vicinity XU499175). The vehicle was damaged.

6. Note No. 199/DGP/SV/2 dated 16 February 1970. At about noon on 25 January 1970, four US/RVN forces helicopters, guided by an observation plane, violated Cambodian airspace firing machine guns and spreading chemicals on the Khmer village of POUCHOULOEU and ANDAUNG KRALENG (YU280610) situated a dozen kilometers from the frontier in the commune of O'RAING, in MONDULKIRI. The chemicals caused the local inhabitants to suffer headaches and vomiting.

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